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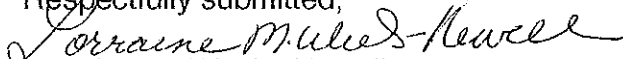
On Thursday, February 16, 2017, school board members Thomas Montemagni and Lorraine Weeks Newell Face Timed with John Everett, a potential Act 46 consultant, on issues and questions dealing with a possible "stand alone" district under Act 46. Study Committee member Melissa Walker also attended.

Chairman Montemagni gave Mr. Everett a brief overview of Stratton's past history regarding a possible RED with Winhall, Sandgate and Searsburg which are, like Stratton, all non operation school districts. Mr. Everett was supportive of Stratton's desire to continue operating as an independent district. The Boards intent to change from the WCSU to the BRSU was also discussed.

Mr. Everett stated that possible changes regarding Act 46 are expected that he believes will have an impact on our efforts. Until then, he will email the Board when new regulations are enacted upon and discuss with us our strategy based on the new guidelines. His experience with the process and relationship with the regulators in Montpelier offer him the opportunity to share Strattons position with key decision makers.

The School Board will hold an informational meeting regarding Act 46 and Stratton's school choice on Thursday, March 2nd. at 7 P.M. in the Stratton Town Hall. The Board and Study Committee will discuss their findings and ideas relative to the changes being made in Stratton's school district and its effect on our children and town's tax rate.

Respectfully submitted,


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Stratton School Board Secretary